

BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY December 16, 2011 p.3

Duxbury couple donates \$2 million to alma mater

College of Science and Mathematics could be named in their honor

Bridgewater State University has received a \$2 million gift from alumni Bruce R., '68, and Patricia A. (Quinn), '67, Bartlett, both of Duxbury and Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. The donation is one of the largest private gifts ever for a state university in Massachusetts. The funds may be used entirely at the discretion of the university. The Bartletts have been major contributors to Bridgewater over the past 25 years.

"This is a wonderful moment for the university, and we are honored by this historic act of philanthropy," President Dana Mohler-Faria said. "From their humble beginnings, Bruce and Pat leveraged the full power of their Bridgewater education in becoming public school teachers, the leaders of hugely successful business endeavors, and the proud parents of wonderful children. They are exemplary role models for today's students."

"The Bridgewater experi-



Patricia and Bruce Bartlett

ence helped me to start several companies that today employ more than 6,000 people worldwide," Bruce Bartlett said. "Pat and I would like to thank Bridgewater for helping us to have so many wonderful memories and a chance to participate in the American

Dream. We hope that our support of Bridgewater State University will, in some small way, help perpetuate the Bridgewater experience for others."

In announcing the gift to the campus community, Mohler-Faria spoke of his intention to ask the Board

of Trustees to name the university's College of Science and Mathematics in their honor. A decision is expected February 2012. The Bruce and Patricia Bartlett College of Science and Mathematics would be the second college renamed. Earlier this year, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a renaming of the College of Business in honor of alumnus Louis M. Ricciardi.

The Bartletts' gift boosts the university's endowment to approximately \$22 million, among the largest of any public institution in the state. It is one of the largest gifts ever received by Bridgewater State University, and the Bartletts are among several benefactors over the past decade to donate more than \$1 million to the institution.

All donations to the endowment are stewarded by the Bridgewater State University Foundation, a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. Over the past 10 years, the Foundation has disbursed more than \$3 million to fund an array of university initiatives, scholarships and awards.